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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kunio KONDO

Application No.: 10/806,391

Filed: March 23, 2004

For: NON-HEAT TREATED SEAMLESS STEEL TUBE

AFTER FINAL PRACTICE
EXPEDITED HANDLING

Art Unit: 1742.

Examiner: Yee, Deborah

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 13, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the final rejection of claims 1-4.

Applicant also wishes to notify the Examiner that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on March 9, 2007 to make of record prior art cited in the corresponding Japanese application.

In review, claim 1 is defined as follows:

A non-heat treated seamless steel tube having a composition consisting of, by weight,

C : 0.10 to 0.17%,

Si : 0.05 to 1.0%,

Mn : 1.5 to 2.5%,